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- 2. One of the tightest bottlenecks in inland navigation in East Germany is the shortage of wire rope.
- 3. The canal between the watergate bridge at Lichterfelde and the lock at Nieder-finow is to be closed on 28 February, for dredging and new construction work. The whole canal bed will be laid dry.
- 4. The harbor of Stettin has been dredged so that ships drawing more than 24 feet can enter. Two 7,000 ton freighters with cargoes of soybeans from Russia are to discharge cargo at Stettin within the next few days, after they have first unloaded about 2,000 tons at Swinemuende.
- 5. During the month of March, 20,000 to 30,000 tons of cement are scheduled to be moved from Ruedersdorf to Stettin for transshipment to Russia.
- 6. The installation of two movable conveyor belt systems is planned at the Elbe port of Doemitz, which will increase loading vapacity by 10 to 20 percent. They are needed for transshipment of grain.
- 7. The Shipping Administration has been requisitioned to furnish two or three vessels for about six weeks to transport boilers from Riesa to Stettin, where they will be transshipped to Russia. The boilers were built in East Germany and designed for installation in steam tugs for bay and harbor work. The steam engines for these craft will not be ready for testing until October 1953 at the earliest.

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